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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 12TH, 1880.

We are glad to note, by the last mail, that the sensation—first caused by the republication of a report from certain Lisbon papers that the Chinese Government had despatched a steamer to Macao—is subsiding. The *Poll Mail Gazette*, a usually well informed journal, first reproduced this statement, and its appearance in a paper of such high standing naturally excited much attention and gained for the report great prominence—so much so, indeed, that it was telegraphed to the uttermost parts of the world. We note, in evidence of this fact, the following telegram in the Australian papers brought on by the mail steamer *Down*:—"The Chinese Government, in blockading the Portuguese port of Macao, is enforcing an old claim. The rupture threatens to be of a serious nature." The wildest rumours appear to have been set afloat in Lisbon without the shadow of foundation, and there is reason to believe that they were not published without a purpose. It has been stated among other things, that seventeen vessels bound for Macao have been obliged to turn about on account of the blockade. Now, as a matter of fact, these ridiculous statements, though extremely amusing to those who know the real truth, are calculated to mislead people in Europe. Not only has no claim been set up by the Chinese Government—though they have never formally recognised the right of Portugal to the possession of Macao—to the colony, but they have never attempted to interfere with the port, much less to blockade it. As for the seventeen vessels, well we know they are altogether mythical, seeing that unfortunately, with the exception of the half-dozen steamships from Hongkong, scarcely half-a-dozen merchantmen arrive in Macao in the twelvemonth. The reports, which, curiously enough, found their way into a number of the Opposition journals at Lisbon, were evidently started by interested parties, who probably were hostile to the present Governor of Macao. The despatch of two fresh gunboats to Macao doubtless helped to strengthen the rumours and increase the belief that matters in China were getting serious. The real truth is that one of the gunboats comes out as a relief for the *Tylo*, and the other merely places the naval force on something like the ordinary footing, two or three gunboats having always, until the last three or four years, been maintained at Macao. The rumour that the Russian and Portuguese Governments had agreed upon a mutual line of action in reference to matters in dispute with China has been denied in the Upper House of the Portuguese Cortes, and we presume that will convince the most sceptical. That Portugal desires to get the treaty signed at Tientsin in 1882 ratified by the Government of Peking has never been denied, and she will make another attempt to get this done at some fitting opportunity, no doubt. But it is not likely that the Lisbon Government would ever care to make the rejection of the treaty a *casus belli*. They hold Macao, and, independently of the fact that possession is nine points of the law, they have had their authority recognised so long, not only by foreign nations, but also by Chinese officials, that they need feel little anxiety on the subject. If the Chinese should assert a claim to the peninsula city, the Portuguese will doubtless know how to meet it. But while such is suffered to lie in abeyance, it is most unnecessary, and unwisely and wasteful, for Lisbon journals to fabricate rumours of the alarming character that have lately been disseminated.

The Grant-in-aid Scheme approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th April is published in the *Gazette*.

The hearing of the case of *Saude* and another against the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company was continued in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Wednesday's Government Gazette came out yesterday evening. It is gradually drifting back to the old day of publication, which was more convenient generally.

With the mail issue, on Monday next, of this journal will be published a gratis supplement, containing the full and complete report of the trial at the Supreme Court.

A lengthy report by Dr. Elliot on the treatment of paupers in Hongkong appears in the *Gazette*, but we must defer its publication, owing to pressure of other matter and the late issue of the Government's *Handbook*.

The return of the Collector of Stamp Revenue for the present year up to the month of May, shows that \$24,944,000 was collected, or \$14,858,535 in the corresponding period of 1879, showing an increase in revenue for this year of \$2,309,022.

The Chinese Pavilion, which, at the close of the Paris Exhibition was offered to Marshal Marnham, as President of the Republic, and by him presented to the City of Paris, will be shipped in the steamer *Bois de la Reine*, *London and China Express*.

To-day being the fifth day of the fifth moon in the Chinese Calendar, the festival of Dragon boats will commence, and will be especially celebrated in Canton. As our readers are doubtless aware, long narrow boats, manned by some forty to a hundred rowers, and painted and decorated to resemble dragons, race to and fro on the water, and are frequently upset, when many of the occupants are sometimes drowned. This has been the case in the case of the *Bois de la Reine* in Hongkong, and they will probably be observed on the water to-day.

The Eastern and Australia Mail Steam Company's steamer *Bois de la Reine*, which arrived here on Thursday night, had a narrow escape between this and Singapore of being pirated by a party who embarked on the vessel at the latter port, and proceeded to the former. The steamer was captured by the *Bois de la Reine*, and is now in the hands of the latter, and is being towed to the former port.

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then held in the morning room, and several healths were drunk. Mr. Byron Moore, in the course of his remarks, said that, with the permission of the Government, it was intended to send him to the United States for the purpose of being given for the management of his property, and the United States for the purpose of being given for the management of his property, and the United States for the purpose of being given for the management of his property.

During the debate on the address, in reply Mr. Service stated, regarding Chinese labour, that he had two opinions. The first was, that the admission of a large number of Chinese labourers into the colony was a question of the future, and that it was not to be dealt with, not only from an international point of view, but also from an internal point of view. He was having information prepared on the subject, and when ready he would be prepared to inform the House what steps the Government would take concerning the question.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**  
Adelaide, May 8th.  
A number of the outposts of the Sydney Argus, direct from Smyrna have been forwarded to the colony by the Hon. Arthur Blyth, and have been handed to Dr. Schomburgk for propagation. Dr. Campbell, during his lecture at the Training College, drew attention to a statement made by the Vintner officers that the physicians of the youth of South Australia is not equal to that of young men reared in England. He explained the circumstances which would tend to produce that effect, and in the course of his address, he pointed out the necessity for adopting some system of gymnastics based on sound physiological principles capable of applying the place of the sports indulged in by young men.

May 14th.  
A letter received from Major-General Robert Cadell, at Madras, states that the Netherlands Indian Government have written him particulars of the fate of his brother, Captain Cadell, who was killed in the action of the 1st of March last. The information supplied is to the effect that in March last Captain Cadell's vessel, the *Gem*, was near Reel Island, and that some of the crew were killed. Captain Cadell was killed in the action of the 1st of March last. The information supplied is to the effect that in March last Captain Cadell's vessel, the *Gem*, was near Reel Island, and that some of the crew were killed.

**NEW ZEALAND.**  
Wellington, Tuesday.  
The *My Mermaid*, a schooner, reported the murder of Mr. Johnston, of the firm of Johnston and Chaffin, by natives of the Island of Aotearoa.

The Court of Appeal has struck Mr. G. B. Barton, solicitor, off the rolls, for misappropriation of his clients' money.

The *Maori King's* eldest daughter has eloped with a lover of whom he father disapproved.

**FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.**  
London, May 8th.  
A colonial news-papers company has been formed, with Messrs. Milne and McEwen as managers.

A powerful syndicate has offered to construct a railway connecting the Queensland lines with Port Parson to a new railway, part near the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria, and part that they receive a land grant of 3,000 acres per mile.

The Hon. Thomas Milne has made a contract with the British Government for the conveyance of mails and emigrants from London to Queensland. It is to be a through service, sailing at Suva, Colombo, and Batavia. The first steamer will start on the 15th.

London, May 11th.  
Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., has been commissioned to collect the British fine art exhibits for the Melbourne International Exhibition.

London, May 12th.  
There has been a fearful fire in the City of Singapore, Island of China. The destruction of property has been immense, and thousands of persons have been rendered homeless.

In a speech delivered yesterday by General Sherman, he estimates that the American Treasury surplus will be a hundred million dollars. There has been a tremendous fire in the City of Bordeaux in the south of France. It originated in some bottled warehouses, and the destruction of property, especially breweries, has been immense.

The statement made by the *Daily News* in its issue of the 7th inst., that the English Government had finally refused to insist upon the execution of the British Treaty, is now fully confirmed. It is authoritatively announced that the circular referred to by the *Daily News* was sent to the signatory Powers, and that the operation towards the object, and the circular lays stress on the desire of Great Britain to maintain peace on the part of the Powers.

London, May 13th.  
The Australian cricket team, consisting of their first match in England at Southampton today, against eighteen gentlemen of the county of Hampshire. The match attracted considerable attention, and the weather was very good.

In consequence of the proclamation of independence by the Albanians, and the hostile attitude assumed by them towards Turkey, diplomatic communications have been exchanged between the different European Powers, and an understanding jointly arrived at.

Ferment to this understanding, representations have been made by the various Ambassadors to the Porte, demanding that Turkish troops be despatched with orders to surround the districts where the inhabitants have taken up arms.

**HONG KONG.**  
The mineral wealth of Japan is gradually being developed, and the richness of the extent of the wealth is frequently brought to public notice; the gold, silver, copper, and lead mines belonging to the Government, and others owned by private individuals, are believed to be very rich, and capable of producing great results if they were efficiently worked; the coal mines of Japan also promise a sufficiency which will last for ages and supply other countries with as much as they can take. The Tachikawa mine is the best example of what can be done; the output at which was recently reported to average 1,600 tons per day. Some particulars are now given in the *Osaka Mito* of a great coal field at Kiyasu, a town in Chikusa, and on the main road of Kiyasu; the town is a well-developed place, and is situated at a distance of 12 miles from Hakata, Chikusa, and about 10 miles from Kiyasu. The mine is situated at a distance of 10 miles from Kiyasu, and is situated at a distance of 10 miles from Kiyasu.

**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.**  
FRIDAY, 11th June.  
No change to note in the rate of New Patna; Beans steady at 18/6. Of Malabar sales at 17/0, of good quality, free of allowance.

**EXPORT CARGO.**  
For steamship *Oreola*, for London—292,923 lbs. tea, 21 cases silk, 100 bales waste silk, and 183 pigs, sundries.

**ON LONDON.**  
Bank Bills, on demand, 3/8; 30 days, 3/4; 60 days, 3/4; 90 days, 3/4; 120 days, 3/4; 150 days, 3/4; 180 days, 3/4; 210 days, 3/4; 240 days, 3/4; 270 days, 3/4; 300 days, 3/4; 330 days, 3/4; 360 days, 3/4.

**ON SHANGHAI.**  
Bank Bills, on demand, 2/6; 30 days, 2/6; 60 days, 2/6; 90 days, 2/6; 120 days, 2/6; 150 days, 2/6; 180 days, 2/6; 210 days, 2/6; 240 days, 2/6; 270 days, 2/6; 300 days, 2/6; 330 days, 2/6; 360 days, 2/6.

**ON SINGAPORE.**  
Bank Bills, on demand, 1/6; 30 days, 1/6; 60 days, 1/6; 90 days, 1/6; 120 days, 1/6; 150 days, 1/6; 180 days, 1/6; 210 days, 1/6; 240 days, 1/6; 270 days, 1/6; 300 days, 1/6; 330 days, 1/6; 360 days, 1/6.

**ON BATAVIA.**  
Bank Bills, on demand, 1/6; 30 days, 1/6; 60 days, 1/6; 90 days, 1/6; 120 days, 1/6; 150 days, 1/6; 180 days, 1/6; 210 days, 1/6; 240 days, 1/6; 270 days, 1/6; 300 days, 1/6; 330 days, 1/6; 360 days, 1/6.

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LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL	Toucan (str.)	R. T. Power	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 12th inst.
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL	Anchises (str.)	C. Jackson	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 12th inst.
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL	Elissa	Winthers	Hongkong	Vogel & Co.	On or about 12th inst.
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